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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

YUEH ET AL.

Examiner

Dung Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitsui et al., US Patent No. 5,734,457, in view of Kishimoto et al., US Patent No. 6,281,960.

Regarding claims 1-6 and 8-10, Mitsui et al. disclose a color display module (400) with backlight (401) (figure 4) comprising:

an upper substrate (13a"), in which a plurality of first color layers (B/G/R) (14") having a thickness of 2μm (col. 7, ln. 32) formed upon the upper substrate (13a") with a plurality of first black matrices (14a"), an upper protective layer (22") and an upper conductive layer (23") cover thereon;

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. a lower substrate (13b"), in which a plurality of thin film transistors (TFT)(25") formed on the upper substrate (13b"), a plurality of second color layers (B/G/R)(37) with thicknesses in a claimed range (col. 12, lines 50-51), and a lower conductive layer (24");

. a liquid crystal layer (12").

Mitsui et al., however, do not disclose a plurality of second black matrices and a lower protective layer. Kishimoto et al. do disclose a plurality of color layers (6a/6b/6c) with a plurality of second black matrixes (BM) therebetween and a lower protective layer (72) being formed over a lower substrate (2)(see figure 4). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention was made to employ a second black matrices and a lower protective layer over the black matrices as shown by Kishimoto et al. in order to obtain an excellent display quality (see col. 5, lines 62-63).

Regarding claims 7, although Mitsui et al. do not disclose an identical thickness for the first color layers and the second color layers, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to form a first color layer and a second color layer having a same thickness, since it has been held that discovering an optimum value of a result effective variable involves only routine skill in the art. In re Boesch, 617 F.2d 272, USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980).

5. Claims 11-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitsui et al., US Patent No. 5,734,457, in view of Kishimoto et al., US Patent No. 6,281,960, further in view of Tombling et al., US Patent No. 6,373,549.

Regarding the above claims, the modification to Mitsui et al. discloses the claimed invention as described above except for a compensatory layer formed over the lower substrate.

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Tombling et al. do disclose a retarder (6) can be formed over the lower substrate (2). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ a compensatory over a lower substrate as shown by Tombling in order to obtain a high resolution display (col. 4, ln. 26).

Conclusion

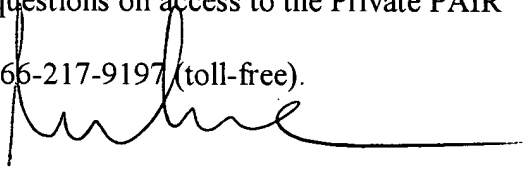
6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2297. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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